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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a seminar was held in September 2004, in New Delhi in which participants from 30 countries deliberated upon common security challenges and response operations;

(b) if so, whether this joint seminar was conducted by India and the US;

(c) if so, the main discussions held in the seminar;

(d) whether any concrete decisions were taken; and

(e) if so, the details of the same and the extent to which these are likely to be helpful to India in tackling the emergent security related situations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, The Indian Army and the US Army Pacific Command jointly co-hosted Pacific Armies Management Seminar (PAMS) XXVIII during September 6-10, 2004

(c) While the main theme of the seminar was " Regional Cooperation in changing environment", discussions were held on the following topics:-

i) Defining the security environment in the coming decade
ii) Identifying the impact of asymmetrical and non traditional threats on armies
iii) Employing cooperation to address common security challenges
iv) Identifying cooperative response options to future security challenges

(d) No Sir.

(e) The seminar was helpful in improving understanding and appreciation of common security challenges, and preparing for them.